mitted his resignation to the Defence Minister. Also he has applied for permission to serve the Massachussets Institute of Technology in U.S.A.

Being in charge of sensitive Defence Organisation for a decade and being privy to the country's defence research secrets for a decade, the whole country was stunned as to what prompted ** to take such a drastic sudden decision to quit the post. Earlier in the past, Indian industrialists used to establish links with the senior IAS, IPS /Secretaries of Government of India and soon after their retirement, they used to re-employ them in their organisations and used to control the economic policies of the country. That is the reason why the Indian masses are looted by the one per cent vested interests of the country. I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to enquire into the antecedents, his present behaviour and his involvement in the promotion of staff. And discontentment is growing in the Defence staff by the actions of ** .....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is all irregular. You are mentioning the name of a gentleman who is not here in the House. You cannot mention his name and it is not allowed. You are not following the Rules. I shall have to go through the record and I shall have to take a decision.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I will go through the record and find out what has to be done.

Shri Vijayaraghavan.

[*Translation*]

*SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palghat): Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the House and the Govt., to a serious situation in Palghat my constituency. In 1985, when the late Shri Rajiv Gandhi visited Palakkad he realised the fact that this district which is in the rain shadow area of western ghats, is a drought prone district and accordingly he sanctioned a technology mission for Palakkad with an allocation of Rs. 4 crores.

That mission has come to an end on 31st March, that is yesterday. Although the various programmes under the mission were not implemented fully because of the indifference of the LDF Govt. in Kerala, the mission is very essential for Palakkad. Today, in the areas like Alathur, Elappully, Vadakarappati, Erutenpati etc. there is actue shortage of drinking water. Under the mission the per capital availability of water which was targeted was 40 liters of water. By now, more than 1500 tubewells have been dug and a large number of people have been given training in repairing handpumps etc. under the mission. An amount of Rs. 315 lakhs has been spent so far and the remaining Rs. 87 lakhs are yet to be spent.

Therefore, it is absolutely essential to extend the time of the mission. I request the Govt. to issue necessary instructions in this regard. Sir, the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development is present here. I would request you to give him necessary direction in the matter.

SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI (Bijnor): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Railways to the fact that I have come to know that some time back the Government had conducted a survey to lay a new railway line to Bijnor via Meerut–Hastinapur–Ganj but now the Government is contemplating to cancel it.

**Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

*Translation of the speech originally delivered in Malayalam